HOUSE No. 2785

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to prohibit the Division of Medical Assistance from providing coverage for certain neonatal circumcisions. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR UNNECESSARY NEONATAL CIRCUMCISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after
- 3 section 10A, the following new section:—
- 4 10A½. The division shall not provide coverage for neonatal
- 5 male circumcisions unless the circumcision is medically necessary
- 6 after a physician's diagnosis of pathology or physical deformity
- 7 involving the recipient's penile foreskin.